

The Hong Kong Telegraph.

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HONGKONG, MONDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 1881.

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HAIPHONG.

THE Steam-ship
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Captain McCaslin, will be despatched
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Hongkong, 8th July, 1881.

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the World.

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

During my absence from Hongkong,
Mr. ROBERT COOKE will act as
Secretary.

By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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Intimations.

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THE DIVIDEND, at the Rate of
Two DOLLARS and FIFTY CENTS
per SHARE, declared at the Ordinary
Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders
held This Afternoon, will be Payable
at the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation from TO-MORROW,
the 30th Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply
at the Office of the Company for War-
rants.

By Order of the Directors.
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 29th July, 1881.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE Public are informed that the
Scrip in the above named Com-
pany, for Shares numbered 5640, 5641,
5642, and 5643, has been stolen, and
that application has been made that
the same may be cancelled and New
Scrip issued.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1881.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

THE Public are informed that the
undermentioned Scrip in the
above named Company has been stolen,
and that application has been made
that the same may be cancelled and
New Scrip issued.

Scrip No. 43, dated 14th January,
1881, for 5 shares Nos. 297/301.

Scrip No. 196, dated 23rd March,
1881, for 5 shares Nos. 756/760.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1881.

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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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Long Flax }
Crown }

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Bergen's Seamanship.

Colonel Gordon's Africa.

Captain Hayes' Veterinary Notes for
Horse Owners.

Hole's Book about Roses.

Rigg's Treatise on Steam Engine.

Boulger's History of China.

American Collections of Modern Music.

Cigarette Machines.

Clarke's Manual of Engineering.

Knight's Engineering Dictionary.

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King's War-ships of Europe.

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Editor "Hongkong Telegraph," 15, Wellington
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Correspondents are requested to forward their
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tended for insertion, not necessarily for publication,
but as evidence of good faith.

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within thirty-five minutes after the time of publica-
tion will oblige by communicating with the Editor.

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be inserted free of charge.

**THE
Hongkong Telegraph.**

HONGKONG, 8th AUGUST, 1881.

Great Swimming Race.

Probably the most important swimming race ever contested in Hongkong, was brought to a satisfactory issue on the evening of Saturday last under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club. The course selected was from Kowloon Point (Tsim-tsa-choi) to the Bath House, at the Murray Wharf, a distance, according to the Admiralty chart, of about 1 mile 200 yards. Half a dozen well known swimmers responded to the invitation of the Y. R. C., and we may safely aver that the gentlemen who came to the post on Saturday would be difficult to beat by a similar number from any port in the East. In fact we have seldom seen a long distance race contested by such a superior class of swimmers, even in London.

A launch was announced to leave the Bath House at 5 p.m. to convey the competitors to Kowloon, but it was nearly six o'clock before the steam ferry pier was reached, and at that time the sun was so powerful, with a tide running like a mill-race, that it was deemed advisable to delay the start until affairs took a more favorable turn. A very large number of spectators had assembled at Kowloon, but betting on the event was limited, Dunman, whose past performances, especially over short distances, have been exceptionally brilliant, and who it will be remembered beat Cook for second place, in the well planned coup which Dudley Travers landed so easily, in the race from Kellett's Island in June 1878, being considered such a "certainty," that speculation was completely paralysed. Cook had a few supporters, but "mine host of the Stag" has put on a lot of flesh, since the days when he distanced the gigantic Hirst in the race round the *Victor Emanuel*, and raced both Travers and Dunman to a standstill in the long distance contests in the Bath House, besides being clean out of condition.

At 6.15 the sun having disappeared, and the tide being all in the swimmers' favour the men took up their positions in sampans in the following order, beginning from the westward:—Angier, Cook, Sampson, Grimble, Dunman, Goodwyn.

At 6.20 the word "go" was given, and the men plunged simultaneously, Sampson being the first to show in front, closely attended on either hand by Grimble and Dunman; Angier and Cook rose together, and Goodwyn at once took a line by himself, and bore away from his original position to the extreme westward. All commenced with the side stroke, and the pace for the first two hundred yards was terrific, even at this early stage Sampson being beaten and hanging out signals of distress, whilst Cook who was outpaced from the start, had fallen quite twenty-five yards in the rear of everybody. After going about a quarter of a mile Sampson retired, the lead at this point being held by Angier on the extreme left, with Dunman and Grimble a couple of lengths off side by side; Goodwyn, who lost a good many yards by crossing over, had now got straight and was rapidly drawing on the leaders; but Cook, who was using the breast stroke, appeared unable to make any perceptible progress, and was still rapidly dropping astern. By the time the *Meane* was reached, the pace had fallen off a little, although it was still very fast, and Goodwyn, who was swimming in splendid form, had drawn up to Grimble, the last named having just previously parted company with Dunman who was labouring heavily. Slowly but surely Goodwyn drew ahead and at the half distance he led Grimble about three lengths, Angier away to the eastward and swimming strongly, still holding a good place close up, whilst Dunman was slowly dropping away, unable to live the pace. Encouraged by the cheers of his friends Grimble spurred splendidly time after time, but Goodwyn gamely responded, and for the next two hundred yards the leaders were still close together, the last named in front. A bit of bad steering on Goodwyn's part at last gave Grimble a chance, and with a few powerful over hand strokes he shot up, and before the other got straight, was leading rather more than his own length. It was now apparent that the race lay between Grimble and Goodwyn, Dunman having retired; and the other two being a long way in the rear, although at this stage the veteran Cook, having got his second wind, was bowling along in good style, and gradually making up his lee-way. It was a fine struggle as the leaders approached the *Victor Emanuel*, spurt and counter spurt being the order of the day; but Grimble, favored a little by his opponent's bad steering, and swimming in grand form, managed to increase his lead, passed the old ship with a lead of at least ten yards, and going strong and well. Angier, still quite fresh, was holding an interesting conversation with his friends in a sampan, and leisurely surveying the struggle going on in front; and Cook who had made up a lot of distance, also slowed down to see the finish. The tide from the *Victor Emanuel* to the winning post, was all in favor of the swimmers, and encouraged by the cheers from the spectators in the score or so of boats and steam launches which followed the men throughout, and of the crowd who lined the whole front of the bath house three deep, Goodwyn putting in the overhand stroke spurted splendidly, and gradually decreased Grimble's lead, until only three lengths separated them. The leader however had a lot left in him, and after congratulating Goodwyn that he had beaten Dunman, observed, not in very good taste, we think, "It's no use trying Goodwyn, old chap, I've got it in me," he shot away again, and when the red buoy was reached still led by ten yards. Goodwyn made one more game effort in the last hundred yards, and as Grimble appeared to slow down, he nearly got alongside, but steering away to the east, he had to alter his course, and a dingdong race home ended in Grimble's favor by about

three lengths. Angier and Cook came home close together, about a minute behind the winner. The race was started at 6.20 and finished at 6.49. Duration of race 29 minutes 33 seconds. The winner swam the whole distance on his side, and finished comparatively fresh. Goodwyn threw away a great chance by bad steering, but in any case the result would probably have been the same, as Grimble was in excellent condition, and showed the better turn of speed, when it came to actual finishing. Cook and Angier were both wonderfully fresh at the finish, and had they persevered throughout must have been very close up. Dunman appeared as well trained as usual, but he hardly seemed at home in the lumpy water for the first quarter of a mile, and never really looked dangerous.

Although the time test is in this case no criterion of the merits of Grimble's performance, owing to the assistance obtained from a favorable current, the pace from the start was so fast, that we feel convinced the winner of this race is entitled to very high honors. That the distance is quite correct there is no reason to doubt although the fastest mile ever swam in still water occupied 28 minutes 24 seconds (J. B. Johnson at the Welsh Harp, Hendon, June 22nd 1872), it must not be forgotten that on July 22nd 1871, H. Parker won the Amateur Championship in the Thames from Putney to Hammersmith in 24 min. 35 sec. which is the fastest on record.

It is only fair to state that one gentleman, who is no novice at timing races, made the time on Saturday 28 min. 18 sec. We are not prepared to account for this discrepancy, but as we were extremely careful ourselves, and used a most reliable watch (made specially for timing races), we prefer giving our own record. And further to show our belief in the correctness of our record against that of the gentleman who made the time 28.18, we shall be glad to subscribe \$25 if our friend will do the same, to purchase a cup to be swum for over the same distance at the same time next Saturday, and will wager \$100 that the winner does not accomplish the distance in 28.18, the winner to hand the \$100 to any deserving local charity. If our friend who is a keen local "sport" agrees to these proposals, we leave the entire management of the arrangements in the hands of the V. R. C.

We had almost omitted to say that both Grimble and Goodwyn were heartily cheered for their plucky finish; and that Mr. A. K. Leigh and Mr. E. Beart officiated as starter and judge respectively.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The steamship *Norden* was docked at Kowloon early this morning. The *Welle* goes to Sam-sui-po to-morrow.

We are informed by the Agents, Messrs. Adamson, Bell & Co., that the S.S. *Carnarvonshire* from London, left Singapore for Hongkong yesterday.

A general meeting of the Choral Society was held on Saturday afternoon, which it was decided should take the place of the annual meeting generally held in October. The following gentlemen were elected as a committee. President, Mr. G. E. March; Secretary, Mr. A. P. Stokes; Treasurer, Mr. E. F. Alford; Members, Messrs. A. Coxon, T. G. Williamson, and H. de C. Forbes. Mr. Coxon was also appointed stage manager. We observe the new committee includes the names of several gentlemen well known in our local dramatic corps, and it is only fair to presume that we have many dramatic as well as musical treats in store for us during the forthcoming season.

An inquest was held at the Government Civil Hospital on Saturday afternoon on the body of one U. Afu, a Chinese male adult. Dr. Murray, A.M.D., Acting Superintendent of the Hospital, said the body of deceased

was brought to the hospital about ten o'clock on Friday morning. It was then quite dead and decomposition had so far set in that he was unable to determine the cause of death; but in the absence of other testimony he would attribute death to drowning. Both the wife and son of the deceased testified to his having gone out on the morning of the 2nd instant as usual to follow his avocation of a hawker; and that nothing more was known of him till his dead body was found floating in the harbour on Friday morning near the Canton steamer wharf. The further enquiry was adjourned till Thursday next at half-past two o'clock with the view of procuring additional evidence if possible.

The following duly certified account of the average amount of Bank Notes in circulation in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th June last, is taken from the *Government Gazette*:—

BANKS.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
	Dollars	Dollars
Oriental Bank Corporation.	756,691	300,000
Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London, and China.	373,412	130,000
Chartered Bank of India, Australia, and China.	625,218	250,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.	1,467,267	600,000
Total.	3,222,591	1,280,000

The *China Mail* of Saturday evening announces that the *Ping-on* is lying at the *Sands Slip* in preparation to be docked. Our contemporary's imagination has been again running riot. The *Ping-on* came out of dock two or three weeks ago, and as will be seen from an advertisement in our front page, she leaves for Hoihow to-morrow at 6 p.m. The steamer went alongside the Slip merely to have her mainmast lifted out in order to have a new piece scurphed on.

Another large sale of valuable property took place this morning when the old P. and O. Company's factory at West Point, Marine lots Nos. 95 and 96, were sold by Messrs. Kwok Acheong and Sons to Mr. Chun Hang for the sum of \$310,000, together with the eighty shops now in course of erection there.

The *China Mail's* report of the Great Swimming Race on Saturday was as usual, grossly inaccurate. Goodwyn was credited by our excellent contemporary, with premier place by about a couple of lengths. Goodwyn certainly deserved to win, but as we do not always get our desserts, (or the *China Mail* would get — well, something not nice) he had to be contented with second place to Grimble, who was duly hailed the winner, and doubtless received the prize.

We understand that the *Peng-chow-hai* after she left Canton on the evening of the 3rd instant at seven p.m. was unlucky enough to run aground close to Whampoa. She was, however, enabled to get off in about ten minutes, but the officers in charge thought it advisable to anchor at Whampoa for the night, leaving for Hongkong at daylight next morning.

We have received the first number of *Quiz*, the *Shanghai Charivari*, a new comic paper published in the office of the *Shanghai Mercury*. It would be hardly fair to judge of the merits of this enterprise from the first copy, so we will suspend our judgment until the latest comic journal has had a fair opportunity of showing at its best.

The late Mr. Prestage's post of Clerk of Works has been filled up by the appointment of Mr. James Edwin Howroyd, who has been Inspector of Works at Bradford under the Engineer of the Municipal Corporation. Mr. Howroyd will probably arrive in Hongkong about the end of this month.

"Why is the letter *d* like a ring?" asked a young lady of her lover, who was as dull as the generality of his sex in such a situation. "Because," added the damsel, with a modest look, *we* can't be wed without it."

The woman in Persia are obliged to ride in a railroad car alone and pass their fare out through a hole in the roof. There isn't a living soul to flirt with except the driver.

LATEST COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Monday, August 8th, 1881.
One o'clock P.M.

Docks continued to occupy the minds of most people on the Share Market throughout Saturday afternoon, and a fair attempt was made to stem the downward rush in the price current. At 50 per cent premium a fair amount of business was done for cash; but buyers were worn out at the finish, and at last sellers could get no response. A large business was done on time, considerably over a hundred shares being booked at 55 for December. There has been nothing of importance done this morning, but we think it probable that something worth noting may transpire during the afternoon. Banks remain unaltered, and nothing will be done until we hear something definite from Shanghai. In any case there appears little chance of the stock going much below its present quotation. Hotels are being enquired after, probably on account of the reports going round regarding the sale of the property; but up to the time of going to press, nothing has been done in the shape of actual business. Sugars are weak at 160, and we are prepared to see them quoted much lower during the next fortnight. Probably the departure of Mr. Henry Dickie, the Company's experienced manager, who leaves for home via America in the course of a week or two, may have something to do with the unsatisfactory condition of this stock. Several sales of China Fires are reported, but we have been unable to verify the report.

Shares.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares—115 per cent. premium, Sellers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,675 per share ex dividend.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,700 per share.
North China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 820 per share.
Chinese Insurance Company, —\$305 per share,
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Shares—\$995 per share, Sales.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$295 per share, Sellers.
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—50 % premium, Sales & Sellers.
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company's Shares—\$25 per share premium.
China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$82 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$110 per share, Sellers.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$160 per share, Sales.
China Sugar Refining Company (Debtentures)—3 per cent premium.
Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$127½ per share, Sellers.
Hongkong & China Bakery Company, Limited—\$43½ per share.
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1874—(Nominal).
Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1878—(Nominal).

Exchange.

On LONDON,—
Bank Bills, T.T., 3/8½
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 3/8½
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/8½
Credits, at 4 months' sight, ... 3/8½
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/9
On PARIS,—
Bank Bills, on demand, 4.64
Credits, at 4 months' sight, ... 4.73
On BOMBAY,—
Bank, T.T., 224½
On CALCUTTA,—
Bank, T.T., 224½
On SHANGHAI,—
Bank, T.T., 72
Private, 30 days' sight, 72½

What kind of a book might a man wish his wife were like?—An almanac, for then he might have a new one every year.

Additional News by the American Mail.

The State of Ireland.

New York, July 1.—The *World's* London special has the following details of the recent census of Ireland. In some districts in Connaught and Munster whole villages are almost depopulated, and in all the population has been terribly thinned out. In West Cork, on the vast estate of the Countess of Kingston, there are two hamlets absolutely deserted. The little village of Knock, County Mayo, where the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared, contained 600 souls in 1871; to-day, exclusive of pilgrims, there are not 30, all told. The Limerick returns tell a similar story. The roofs are fallen in upon the cabins; the marketcross is broken; grass is growing in the streets—the silence of desolation. In scores of baronies in the west and south nearly all the young men and women have gone to America or England. Those left to till the land are old people, who prefer to die where their fathers died. In some parishes the poor house contains almost as many people as there are outside of it. The census returns do not, however, show the full extent of depopulation. At least 12,000 agricultural laborers cross to England and Scotland every year for the harvest. They live in Ireland, but Ireland does not provide them with their living.

DISCUSSING THE LAND BILL.

London, July 1.—The House of Commons, in Committee on the Land bill, last night, by an amendment moved by the Attorney-General for Ireland, the definition of "fair rent" was omitted from clause 7. An amendment offered by Lord Russell requiring the Court to have regard in fixing statutory rents to the interest of both landlord and tenant, was accepted by the Government and carried. Lord Russell's amendment disposes of the most disputable point in the seventh clause.

Gladstone yesterday somewhat modified his previous declaration concerning the inviolability of leases, by the statement that some relief should be given to the leaseholders who also are subjected to an undue pressure. How this is to be done is reserved for future consideration. Gladstone favored quashing unjust leases while maintaining that they could not be reserved. This concession saved an obstructive debate, which the Irish members seemed inclined to raise.

A Talk in the House of Lords.

London, July 1.—In the House of Lords to-day, the Duke of Argyll, Lord Privy Seal, called attention to the Bessborough Commission, and denounced it as biased. The Commissioners, he said, entered upon the "three Fs," and then the report creates a wholly erroneous impression in regard to the relations of landlords and tenants. The Commissioners never really sifted the facts, which would dispel many of the assertions of witnesses.

The Earl of Bessborough defended the Commission and condemned the Duke of Argyll's attack.

The Marquis of Landsdowne (Liberal) said that, as an Irish landlord, he concurred with the Duke of Argyll in thinking the report of the Commission was founded on hastily-taken evidence.

Lord Salisbury (Conservative) said he trusted the doctrines laid down by the Commission would not be endorsed by the Legislature.

Earl Granville, Foreign Secretary, pointed out the Duke of Argyll had carefully refrained from referring to the Land Bill, but Lord Salisbury could not restrain himself from having a fling at the measure. He regretted the tone Lord Salisbury had adopted, because it was not encouraging to the House when it considered the spirit in which he is likely to approach it. The subject was then dropped.

Midhat Pasha's Judges.

London, July 1.—In the Commons to-day, Dilke, Under Foreign Secretary refused directly to answer the question whether the Government would intercede for Midhat Pasha, sentenced to death at Constantinople for the murder of Abdul Aziz.

McCoan, founder of the *Levant Herald*, and several years a practitioner in the Supreme Consular Court of the Levant, said he was personally acquainted with several persons who formed

the Court before which Midhat Pasha was tried, and he had no hesitation in publicly stating they were not entitled to respect as Judges.

Gunpowder Hulks.

London, July 1.—In the Commons to-day, on the question being asked relative to the positions of the hulks containing 400 tons of gunpowder in the Mersey, which, since the Penian trouble, have been a cause of much apprehension in Liverpool, the Secretary to the Admiralty stated the position was chosen after due consultation, and they were being closely watched by a revenue cruiser. The First Lord of the Admiralty, now in Liverpool, was investigating the subject.

Garfield's Secret Mission.

London, July 1.—In the House of Lords yesterday, Earl Granville, Foreign Secretary, said that of course, if President Garfield had sent a secret mission to England, he (the Secretary) was not bound to know it, but he might say that he had very good reasons to believe the report was totally unfounded.

Trouble at Sfax.

Paris, July 1.—A serious riot occurred at Sfax this morning. The French Consul was assaulted and his arm broken, and the officers of a French gunboat were obliged to swim back to the vessel.

Later, Sfax is reported in the hands of the insurgents, and 2,000 French troops have been ordered there.

London, July 1.—A dispatch from Tunis says:—The Arabs at Sfax fired on a French steamer conveying Tunisian troops thither, to prevent them from landing. It is stated that the French Vice-Consul was wounded. Great excitement prevails at Mehdia, the inhabitants fearing an attack from the Arabs.

War in Uruguay.

London, July 1st.—Advices from Buenos Ayres, of the 5th ultimo, say: Ex-President La Torre has invaded Uruguay, and Colonel Santer, Minister of War, is marching against him.

Capture by Brigands.

Constantinople, July 1.—The manager of the forest works, at Bellova, belonging to the well-known contractor, Baron Hirsch, and his dragoman, have been captured by brigands, who have demanded £15,000 ransom.

A French Senator Dead.

Paris, July 1.—Henri Sainte Olsire d'Ville Senator and member of the Institute, is dead. His age was 63.

The Troubles in Tunis.

Paris, July 6th.—The French Consul at Tripoli has begun the same kind of agitation as that by which Roustan forced the Tunis expedition on France. But Tripoli is really a Turkish province and cannot be touched without provoking the intervention of Europe. There are great discrepancies between the official and the press reports of the Tunisian difficulty. Both are exaggerated. France has determined to mobilize 100,000 troops and send them to Africa to put down the insurrection with a strong hand. It is understood that the Cabinet decides to order the bombardment of Sfax. It is probable; however, that said bombardment occurred yesterday.

The Disabled Steamship.

London, July 6th.—The steamer *Vandalia* of the Hamburg Company is in trouble and missing. It is believed her shaft is broken. The weather is heavy. The English Admiralty has ordered the steamer *Seahorse* now stationed at Queenstown, to proceed in search of the disabled steamer.

Doings in Parliament.

London, July 6th.—The Speaker gave notice to the House of Commons yesterday that its order excluding Bradlaugh would be carried out, and he not be allowed to further disturb proceedings.

Invasion of Turkey.

Vienna, July 6th.—Four thousand Greek troops have entered the Turkish village of Diwaris.

Excessive Heat in Europe.

London, July 6th.—The intensity of the heat in Europe has been great. In Paris the thermometer stood at 95°. The Chamber of Deputies adjourned their sitting during the heat of the day. There has been great electrical disturbances and rain here to-day. The midnight storm killed several persons. On Monday, four soldiers were sun-struck during the sham battle at Alder-

shot. Several are still in a precarious condition.

Steamers in Peril.

London, July 6.—The report is probably false that a boat leaving the distressed steamer *Britannic* was capsized and seven persons drowned. The vessel is in a very precarious condition. At the office of the White Star line the reports show that everybody had been landed safely.

The steamer *Ashburn*, from Montreal jettisoned 130 cattle, 540 sheep and part of her cargo while in a storm on the voyage to England.

A Visit to London.

Berlin, July 6.—Crown Prince Frederick William and his children left home yesterday for London.

Coming Home.

London, July 6.—Among the passengers yesterday from Liverpool for New York was T. O. Howe, American delegate to the International Monetary Conference, who returns on account of his wife's illness.

Killed by a Tiger.

London, July 6.—A brother of Mrs. Langtry has been killed by a tiger in India.

Gladstone Brought to Terms.

London, July 6.—Viscount Sandon (Conservative) moved the adjournment of the Commons yesterday, as a protest against the action of the Government in refusing to give information about the Franco-English commercial treaty negotiations. Gladstone, to avoid a heated discussion, which might do harm, promised the return asked for.

The Turco-Greek Frontier.

London, July 6.—Telegrams from the Turco-Greek frontier state that the port of Punta, which had been dismantled, has since been re-armed; and Artz, which had been evacuated, is re-organized. The Turks have asked for an extension of time for evacuation, which the Boundary Commission has refused.

Emancipation in Egypt.

Cairo, July 6.—It is reported that the Khedive of Egypt will shortly decree the total abolition of slavery throughout his dominion.

Destructive Forest Fires.

Quebec, July 6.—Forest fires have destroyed many buildings, farms, barns, etc., in this vicinity.

Mexican Treasury Accounts.

City of Mexico, July 6.—The Government has established an office to liquidate the accounts of the Treasury from the 9th of August, 1867, to the 1st inst.

SHANGHAI.

[Mercury]

Departure of H. M. S. *Lapwing*.—This morning at 5.30, H. M. ship *Lapwing* steamed slowly down the river, homeward bound, her officers and crew no doubt glad that their unpleasant stay here is ended. On passing the two German gunboats *Wolf* and *Illis*, which are anchored opposite the Old Dock, the crews of these two war vessels manned the rigging and gave three hearty cheers in true man-of-war style, as an expression of the good-will and sympathy which exists between the British and German navies. The *Lapwing* coaled at the Naval Yard, and proceeded on her voyage in the afternoon.

The Tramway Scheme.—An extraordinary meeting of the electors of the French Concession was held this afternoon, "to give their opinion as to the permission asked by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. to lay tramways on the French Concession." Mr. A. Myburgh, President of the French Municipal Council, presided, and invited the electors to express their views on the subject. The Rev. Dr. Mathew Tyson Yates objected in very strong terms to the tramway passing his church and house, although he would not object to it if it went round some other way. Mr. G. A. Butler objected on behalf of the China Merchants' Company to the line passing Kin-lee-yuen, as the road was too narrow there. After a short discussion the question was put to the vote, by ballot, and 53 voted in favour and 40 against the tramways.

A Chinese Cotton Mill is again projected. The promoters are looking about for a site in Hongkow. The recent site is considered to be too dear.

It has cost the present owner, Taotai Sheng, about Tls. 40,000. We should not be surprised if it were carried through this time. Some of the promoters are the same as of the former, and will perhaps profit by their errors.

The s.s. *Yung-ning* Broken Down.—We hear that the C. M. S. N. Co's steamer *Yung-ning* was picked up off the entrance of Wenchow river, on the morning of Thursday last, the 28th instant, by the same Company's steamer *Haasan*, and was towed into Wenchow, with her shaft broken. We understand that the *Haasan* went on to Foochow, and that on her return trip she would call in for the disabled steamer and tow her to Shanghai.

The Chinese Students.—Tso Tsung-tang objects to the expense to the Government of the 120 Chinese youths now being educated in the United States. It cost the Government Tls. 80,000 a year. They don't get on very fast, and contract dissipated habits and deteriorate in their manners. They are all to be recalled, but the official instructions have not yet been issued.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

August 6, *Ancona*, British steamer. 1974, E. G. Steal, London via Bombay, London 26th June, Malta 4th July, Port Said 8th, Suez 9th, Aden 14th, Bombay 23rd, and Singapore 1st August.

August 7, *Hwai-yuen*, Chinese steamer. 984, O. Wilson, Canton, General—C. M. S. N. Co.

August 7, *Yangtze*, British steamer, 782, Schultze, Shanghai 2nd August, General.—Siemssen & Co.

August 7, *Tamsui*, British steamer, Chinkiang 3rd August, Rice.—Butterfield & Swire.

August 7, *Mai-joo*, Chinese steamer, 1284, Cunningham, Chinkiang 2nd August, General.—C. M. S. N. Co.

August 7, *Bertha*, German barque, 443, Henne, Tourn 2nd August, Sugar and Cassia.—Wieler & Co.

August 7, *Cuba*, British bark, 320, J. Stabell, Newchwang June 29th, Beans.—Master.

August 7, *Morning Star*, Siam bark, 570, D. Michaelson, Bangkok, 24th July.—Chinese.

August 7, *Prinz Heinrich*, German schooner, 872, Hoffmann, Manila 4th August, General.—Melchers & Co.

August 8, *Volga*, French steamer, 916, Guirand, Yokohama 31st July, General.—Messageries Maritimes Co.

August 8, *Olympia*, German steamer, 778, Wagner, Newchwang, and Chefoo, 1st August from Chefoo, Beans and General.—Siemssen & Co.

August 8, *The Tweed*, British, 1745, Jas. M. Whyte, Sydney 27th June, Coal.—Russell & Co.

DEPARTURES.

August 6, *Tientsin*, British steamer, for Shanghai.

August 7, *Yangtze*, British steamer, for Canton.

August 7, *Thales*, British steamer, for Coast ports.

August 7, *Conquest*, British steamer, for Hoihow.

August 7, *Tamsui*, British steamer, for Canton.

August 7, *Marie*, German bark, for Chefoo.

August 7, *Ajaa*, British steamer, for Amoy.

August 7, *Tung-ling*, Chinese steamer, for Canton.

August 7, *Chillon*, British steamer, for Melbourne.

August 8, *Ajoh*, Dutch steamer, for Manila.

August 8, *Mai-foo*, Chinese steamer, for Canton.

Intimations.

I hereby give notice that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my wife JANE FRANCES McBRENN.

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